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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents that are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits.

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/568,515. Copies of the documents that are listed on the Form PTO-1449 (modified) can be found in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/568,515, with the exception of one WIPO International Patent document, the appendices for two Japanese Patent documents, and four "Other Documents" indicated by the boldface type in which they appear on the Form PTO-1449 (modified). A copy of each document that is printed in boldface type is enclosed herewith.

It should be noted that the above-identified U.S. Application No. 10/620,785 may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 09/165,212, filed October 2, 1998; 09/827,267, filed April 5, 2001; 09/899,404, filed July 5, 2001; 10/165,326, filed June 7, 2002; and 09/568,515, filed May 9, 2000, which is the parent application of the above-referenced U.S. Divisional Application No. 10/620,785. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. § 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an

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admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) include those cited in the Australian Written Opinion (6 pages) for the Singapore Patent Application No. SG 200102034-6, those cited in the United Kingdom (U.K.) Search Report (1 page) for U.K. Patent Application No. GB 0011091.6, those cited in the European Search Report (4 pages) for European Patent Application No. EP 01200880, and those cited in the European Search Report (14 pages) for European Patent Application No. 01200880. A copy of the Written Opinion, a copy of the United Kingdom Search Report, and a copy of each European Search Report are enclosed herewith.

Japanese Document No. 11-088438 is not in English. A concise English-language explanation of the relevance of Japanese Document 11-088438 can be found in the English-language abstract enclosed with the IDS filed on July 18, 2003 for the corresponding U.S. Patent Application No. 09/568,515.

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Please note that the Appendices C1 through C13 contain information from U.S. Application No. 10/165,326, which was published as U.S. Patent Document No. 20020196782. U.S. Patent Document No. 20020196782 is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified), and a copy of U.S. Patent Document No. 20020196782 can be found in the IDS filed on July 18, 2003 for the parent application (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/568,515).

The European Search Report for European Patent Application No. 01200880 also cites WIPO International Publication No. WO 97/28628 A, WIPO International Publication No. WO 98/06201 A, WIPO International Publication No. WO 99/28827 A, and an article by Hamdi, et al. entitled "Voice Service Interworking for PSTN and IP Networks." The documents that are mentioned in the first sentence of this paragraph were previously submitted to the USPTO with an IDS that was filed in the above-identified U.S. Application No. 10/620,785 on July 15, 2003. Therefore, the documents that are mentioned in the first sentence of this paragraph are not listed in the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified); and copies of these documents are not enclosed herewith.

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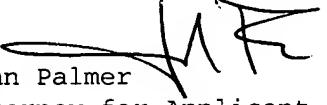
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